



Grounding warm-up



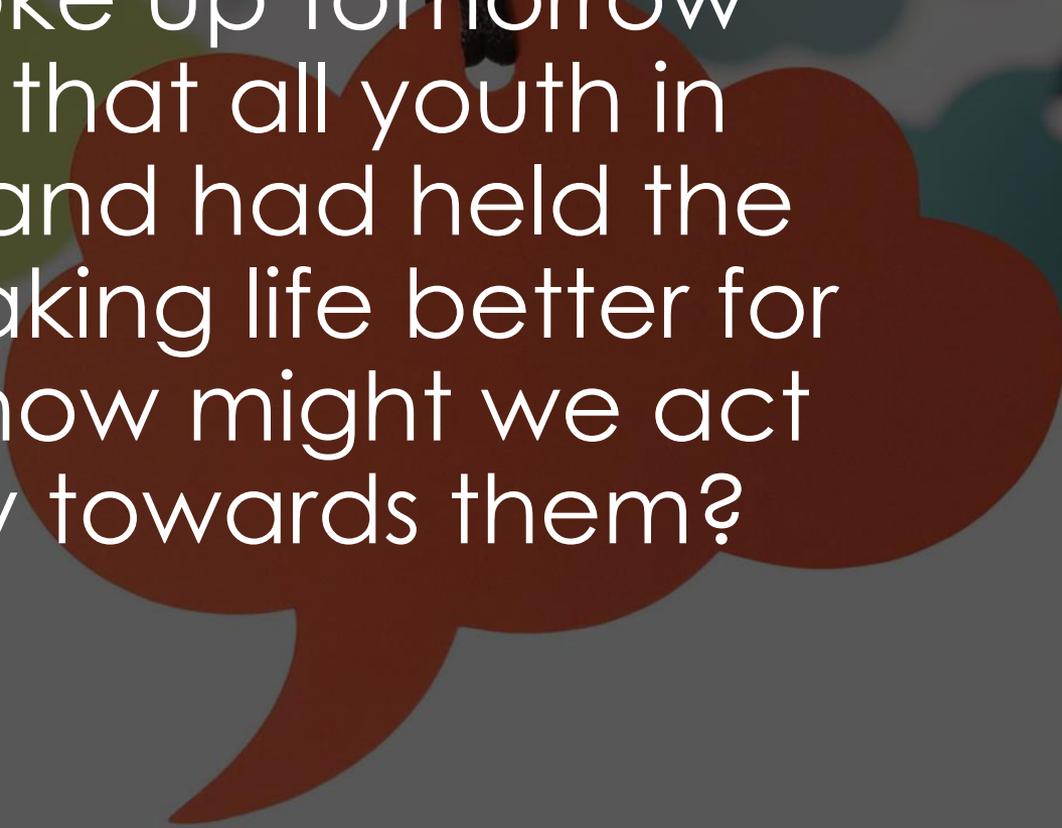
Who are
my
people?



What is
the best
thing
about the
place I
live?



When I was a teenager, how much smarter did I think I was than the adults around me?



If a miracle happened, and adults woke up tomorrow believing that all youth in Rhode Island had held the key to making life better for all of us, how might we act differently towards them?

Truth Tellers

Greta Thunberg



SWEDEN

Greta is a climate and environmental activist with Asperger's

Bana Alabed



SYRIA

Bana pleaded for action and help from inside Aleppo during the sieges and airstrikes

Mari Copeny



MICHIGAN

Mari fights for clean water in her hometown of Flint, MI and wants to empower young people to make their voices heard in the fight for equal opportunity

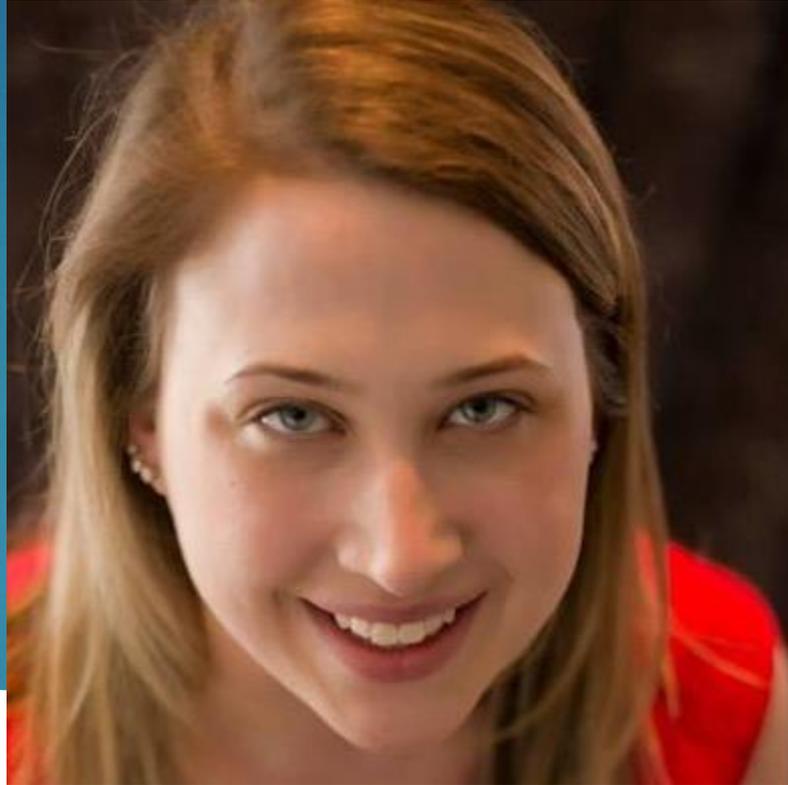
Joshua Wong



HONG KONG

Joshua fights for democratic reform

Amanda Blaugher



PENNSYLVANIA

Amanda's mission is to raise awareness around sexual violence

Meera Devi



INDIA

Meera fights against child labor and child trafficking

Asean Johnson



CHICAGO

Asean fights for educational equality and is letting everyone know education should be a right, not a privilege, for all children

Emma Gonzalez



FLORIDA

Emma is an advocate for gun control and women's rights

Sonita Alizadeh



AFGHANISTAN

Sonita fights against the patriarchal policies of forced marriages

Madelyn House



NORTH DAKOTA

Madelyn is an advocate against tobacco use – she fights for policies that will change the generations to come

Imani Sharp



MICHIGAN

Imani initiated the #DoWeCount strike, which demands safe drinking water throughout the Detroit Public Schools

David Hogg



FLORIDA

David is an advocate for gun control and an activist against gun violence

Sophie Cruz



LOS ANGELES

Sophie fights for ensuring the
continuance of the DAPA program

Kelvin Doe



SIERRA LEONE

Kelvin is the world's youngest self-taught engineer. His mission is to inspire other young people to be technological innovators and help to improve their community

Liza Yaroshenko



UKRAINE

Liza carries the HIV virus and speaks out for reforming healthcare and treatment options for those living with HIV

Payal Jangid



INDIA

Payal advocates for the importance of education for children

Desmond Napoles



NEW YORK

Desmond is a LGBTQ advocate and an inspiration to many and a representation of hope for the future to come

Melati and Isabel Wijzen



BALI

Melati and Isabel fight to make
Bali/Indonesia plastic free

Ana G. González



MEXICO

Ana is a women's rights activist who brought the #MeToo movement to Mexico

Andrew Johnson



NEW JERSEY

Andrew was forced to cut his hair during a high school wrestling match. Since then, two states have implemented bans on discrimination against natural hairstyles

Sarah Rya



MASSACHUSETTS

Sarah is a national voice in tobacco prevention

Jazz Jennings



FLORIDA

Jazz is an activist for LGBT rights. She wants to let other transgender children and their families know that it's "okay to be different"

Marley Dias



PENNSYLVANIA

Marley started the #1000blackgirlbooks campaign. She is inspiring activism and diversifying children's literature

Ryan Lambeth



ENGLAND

Ryan challenged the 'no shorts' school uniform policy by wearing a skirt

Malala Yousafzai



PAKISTAN

Malala is the outspoken voice against the suppression of children and fights for the right for all girls to obtain an education

Jamie Margolin



WASHINGTON

Jamie raises awareness about climate justice issues and created the Zero Hour Movement

Xiuhtezcatl Roske-Martinez



COLORADO

Xiuhtezcatl fights for climate protections and informs about the effects of fossil fuels on the Indigenous and other marginalized communities

Blair Imani



NEW YORK

Blair is an advocate for mental health and is living at the intersection of identities as a black queer Muslim woman

Katie Eder



WISCONSIN

Katie's mission is to make sure teens know that their voices are important and influential

Shawn DeAngelo



GEORGIA

Shawn founded Atlanta's first black-owned bicycle shop WeCycle Atlanta to promote health, economic, and environmental awareness in the local community

Artemisa Xakriabá



BRAZIL

Artemisa is an indigenous climate activist. She is fighting to protect her sacred territory

Kallan Benson



MARYLAND

Kallan encourages other young people to express their concerns about the climate through art

Hebh Jamal



NEW YORK

Hebh combats anti-Muslim sentiments, including fighting against the travel ban

Jack Andraka



MARYLAND

Jack created a groundbreaking way to diagnose pancreatic cancer. He hopes to inspire other LGBT youth to get involved in STEM

Autumn Peltier



CANADA

Autumn is fighting for water conservation
and indigenous water rights

Iris Fen Gillingham



NEW YORK

Iris is a spokesperson for environmental and social justice issues. She teaches climate change awareness through the theatrical arts

Jasilyn Charger



NORTH DAKOTA

Jasilyn is a vocal advocate against the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL)

Zanagee Artis



CONNECTICUT

Zanagee is fighting for a livable climate with a focus on inclusive and restorative climate justice

Nadia Nazar



MARYLAND

Nadia uses art as a tool to bring awareness on environmental issues

Helena Gualinga



ECUADOR

Helena is fighting for climate issues, especially against big oil companies. She works to advocate for other indigenous people

Edna Chavez



LOS ANGELES

Edna is an activist against gun violence in her hometown of South Los Angeles

Ramon Contreras



NEW YORK

Ramon is the co-founder of Youth Over Guns. He advocates for inclusive gun reform that protects people of color

Madeline Tew



NEW JERSEY

Madeline fights to divest from fossil fuels, to protect the land treaties of Indigenous communities, and to declare a climate emergency

Storm Reid



GEORIGIA

Storm advocates for girls' education and bullying prevention

Gillian Sullivan



NEVADA

Gillian kicked off plans for a student strike in support of a planned teacher strike

Bruno Rodriguez



ARGENTINA

Bruno is calling for young people to fight government complacency and pollution by corporations

Fahma Mohamed



ENGLAND

Fahma fights against female genital mutilation

Katherine Figueroa



ARIZONA

Katherine is against deporting people who haven't committed serious crimes

Ryan White



INDIANA

In the 1980s, Ryan became a voice for HIV/AIDS patients across the country

Madison Kimrey



NORTH CAROLINA

Madison is a voting rights activist – she fights against voter suppression

Mohammed Manan Ansari



INDIA

Mohammed is against the use of child labor and fights for children's rights

Ruby Bridges



LOUISIANA

In 1960, Ruby became the first African American student to integrate an elementary school in the South. Ever since, she has been an activist for racial equality.

Claudette Colvin



ALABAMA

Claudette was a civil rights activist. She knew the Jim Crow laws were unfair. On city bus, in 1955, she refused to give up her seat to a white woman, so she was dragged off the bus and arrested.

Sheyann Webb



ALABAMA

In 1965, Sheyann participated in both Selma marches. She wanted her parents to be free and to vote just like the white people.

Mario Savio



CALIFORNIA

Mario was a free-speech activist who reached prominence as spokesman for the 1960s Free Speech Movement (FSM)